

# **Pascoag Utility District Board of Commissioners**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes- August 27, 2012**

**A meeting of the Pascoag Utility District was held on Monday, August 27, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the District Office at 253 Pascoag Main Street., Pascoag, RI 02859.**

**Members Present: Albert Palmisciano, Ann Polacek, Michael Kogut, Richard Jenks and Wallace Lees**

**Members Absent:**

**Mr. Palmisciano called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM**

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **2. Public Comment**

#### **3. Committee Comments**

**A. Water Subcommittee-The Water Subcommittee met to discuss the 25 % reduction of the Harrisville Water Surcharge for 1 year from settlement proceeds. This item will be discussed in further detail under New Business.**

**B. Finance Subcommittee-The Finance Subcommittee met to review Management's proposed raises for District employees for 2013.**

#### **4. Good and Welfare of the District**

##### **A. Docket No. 1725**

**For the period ending July 31, 2012, Pascoag Utility District disconnected 28 residential standard customers and no residential protected status customers. The average monthly balance was \$150.25 for those that were terminated.**

**Pascoag had no accounts terminated for non-payment in excess of**

**\$1,000 during this period. Pascoag Electric sent a total of 684 disconnection notices for this period. PUD entered into four new written agreements, one financial hardship written agreement and seventy-six verbal agreements with its standard customers. PUD has fourteen written agreements for customers who qualify for Protected Status. Fifteen out of ninety-one short term agreements were delinquent and seventeen out of forty-three written agreements have been broken during the month of July.**

**Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Jenks. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

#### **B. Open Government Conference**

**Mr. Kirkwood stated that several members of the Board and himself attended the Open Government Conference in August.**

#### **C. Exxon Mobil Update**

**Mr. Kirkwood stated that the Exxon Mobil settlement proceeds of 2.7 million were transferred to the District as of the middle of last week.**

#### **D. Rate case Pre-hearing**

**Mr. Kirkwood stated that a procedural schedule has been set up. The rates won't be effective on January 1st but possibly by April. There will also be a public hearing on the rates scheduled at the District office for November.**

#### **E. Facility Improvement Plan Meeting**

**Mr. Kirkwood stated that the District's consultants met to discuss the final versions of the Facility Improvement Plan.**

#### **F. Green Festival**

**Ms. Downs stated that the District's 6th Annual Green Festival would**

**be held on September 8th from 10AM-2PM.**

**G. Thank You**

**Mr. Kirkwood presented a thank you note from the Pascoag Fire Department. Mr. Palmisciano read it into the record:**

**To: Mike Kirkwood**

**From: Chief John DeFusco**

**District Manager**

**Re: Poles and Installation**

**Date: 8/8/12**

**Dear Mike,**

**On behalf of myself, and all of our volunteers, I want to thank you, the utility, and your employees from the bottom of my heart for the donation of the poles, and their installation. I know that the installation did not turn out to be an easy experience for your crew. This generous donation allows us to add another facet of training that we could not afford to provide our volunteers. When the (2) Districts were together we had a similar tower behind the old District office on South Main St. which provided countless hours of training sessions. It has been sorely missed. I would also hope if the PUD would ever see a need to utilize our training tower for your own training, that you would not hesitate to take advantage of the opportunity. In closing Mike thank you, and yours for a great, and much appreciated job.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Chief John DeFusco**

**District Manager**

**Mr. Kirkwood also presented to the Board a plaque that NEPPA awarded to Bill Guertin. Mr. Palmisciano read into the record:**

**“A certificate of appreciation for outstanding service to NEPPA’s apprentice line workers school. For you vision, dedication, skill and hardwork, Neppa would like to extend its heartfelt appreciation to you for making the NEPPA’s training facility a reality. Your continued support has been outstanding and the school will forever be indebted to you, your crew and your Utility. Signed Steven Socoby.”**

## **5. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Policy Subcommittee-July 23, 2012**

**B. Regular BUC Meeting- July 23, 2012**

**Mr. Lees made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Jenks. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

## **6. Unfinished Business**

**A. 12-09: Tank Rehab Project**

**Mr. Kirkwood wanted to update the Board that there has been a lot of work on the tanks over the last month. South Main Street’s new man-way has been put in.**

## **7. New Business**

**A. 12-14- Action Item: Harrisville Surcharge**

**The Water Subcommittee met earlier and discussed with Management a plan to reduce the Harrisville Surcharge by 25% over the course of a year. Mr. Lees made a motion to reduce the Harrisville Surcharge by 25% for one year with proceeds from the Exxon Mobil settlement. The**

**motion was seconded by Ms. Polacek. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

**B. 12-15-Streetlight Pilot Project**

**Mr. Guertin and Ms. Round have been working on the Streetlight Pilot Project. 52 LED streetlights will be installed in high traffic areas throughout Pascoag.**

**8. Financial Reports**

**A. Electric Department- June 2012**

**B. Water Department- not available**

**Ms. Allaire reviewed the electric financial reports for June. Mr. Lees made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Jenks. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

**9. Adjournment**

**Mr. Lees made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Polacek. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.**

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**Wallace Lees, Secretary**

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**Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary**